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The city council has passed an ordinance that everyone who is in charge of a factory, or other workshop, will be required to have their employees vaccinated.

Respectfully,

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CHINA.

*Reports from Hongkong—No case of plague during the week.*

HONGKONG, CHINA, *October 15, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of inspection work at this station for the week ended October 12, 1901. Twelve vessels were inspected during the week, 680 individuals were bathed at the disinfecting hulk, and 856 bundles of clothing and bedding were disinfected by steam. Steamers destined to Manila, when going by way of Amoy, have not been disinfected at this port as they carry large numbers of steerage passengers from Amoy, which renders the disinfection useless, as all Chinese steerage passengers occupy the same quarters during the voyage.

No cases of quarantinable diseases were reported in the colony during the week. This is the only week since the week ended February 2, 1901, that no cases of plague have been reported. The total plague figures for the year thus remain the same as reported last week, viz, 1,648 cases and 1,575 deaths. In accordance with the rules of the Venice convention, the port was declared free from infection October 12, 1901, no cases or deaths having occurred among human beings for the previous ten days. In company with Dr. J. Bell, assistant principal civil medical officer, we examined the bodies of 47 dead rats collected through the city October 15, and obtained the plague bacillus from 2 of them. Forty-seven were also examined by us October 16, 1901, but no organisms of plague were found. While this is a smaller per cent than found a few days ago, it is proof that the disease still lingers. Two cases of enteric fever and 1 death were also reported as occurring in the colony during the week.

Respectfully,

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COLOMBIA.

*Smallpox in Cartagena.*

CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA, *November 7, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the number of smallpox cases now in this city is very great, probably more than 500. It seems to be of rather mild type, but lately has shown a tendency to grow more virulent. The list inclosed does not reveal the true situation. Many deaths, I am certain, are put down to other causes that should be put down to smallpox. The Government has issued orders for the clearing of courtyards, etc., and has prohibited the keeping of hogs in the city. It is also doing what it can to vaccinate those who need it.